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Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.